

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information Systems Security Group

FROM:

Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT: Request for Review of Classification (U)

1. Your 5 October 1978 memorandum raised a concern about having to treat blank aperture cards as being classified if they have the pre-printed caveat "Handle Via COMINT Channels".

2. You correctly pointed out that this treatment was demanded in the past by NSA. However, in the draft revision of the Communications Intelligence Security Regulation (CISR), there is a clear, coordinated statement that this control channel instruction is unclassified.

3. Also you will note, on the sample aperture card that you provided, that the card is said to be unclassified until film has been exposed.

4. You may advise appropriate CIA elements to treat these aperture cards as unclassified until they contain imagery and that any preprinted forms bearing only the caveat "Handle Via COMINT Channels" may be considered unclassified.

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